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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Statistics relating to the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights

Note by the secretariat

The statistics contained in the annex have been collected by the secretariat for the information of the Commission with respect to the organization of its work at its fifty-sixth session.

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ANNEX

Statistical data relating to the work of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights

I. PARTICIPANTS

	Number of delegations	Number of participants
Members of the Commission	53	587
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	89	543
Non-member States represented by observers	2	25
Other organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers	1	3
United Nations bodies	12	116
Specialized agencies and related organizations	9	58
Intergovernmental organizations	8	43
Other entities	3	28
National human rights institutions	23	13
Non-governmental organizations		
- General consultative status	30	258
- Special consultative status	141	1 211
- Roster	41	355
Total	412	3 240

II. MEETINGS AND PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

A. Plenary meetings

Total number of meetings	62
- additional meetings	13
- closed meetings	2

B. Parallel activities

Total number of meetings	629
Working groups	1
Governments	243
NGOs	185
DPI/OHCHR/UN	43
Regional meetings	144
National institutions	6
Chairperson's consultations	7

III. USE OF TIME

A. Total

Total time used	172h 23m
Total time lost	11h 31m
- due to late starting	2h 4m
- due to early ending	8h 59m
- due to interruptions	28m

B. By type of intervention

A total of 1,298 interventions 1/ were made during the general debate, broken down as follows:

Delegation/speaker	Number	Time	Average
Members	332	35h 29m 5s	6m 25s
Observers	195	16h 45m 21s	5m 9s
Non-governmental organizations	576	41h 59m 13s	4m 30s
Non-member States	14	1h 6m 34s	4m 45s
Other organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers	2	12m 25s	
Intergovernmental organizations	1	4m 11s	
National institutions	23	2h 29m 9s	6m 29s
United Nations, specialized agencies and related organizations	18	1h 37m 35s	5m 25s
High Commissioner	8	1h 18m 21s	9m 48s
Chair's statements on organizational and other matters	63	1h 13m 52s	1m 10s

Delegation/speaker	Number	Time	Average
Chairperson's statements	4	37m 52s	9m 28s
Special Rapporteurs	30	4h 9m 57s	8m 20s
Independent experts	7	1h 10m 32s	10m 5s
Chairmen of working groups	10	1h 17m 5s	7m 43s
Special representatives	6	54m 46s	9m 7s
Other	9	57m 51s	6m 26s
Total 2/	1 298	111h 23m 49s	

Rights of reply	Number	Time	Average
Member States	30	1h 11m 11s	2m 22s
Observer States	52	1h 59m 11s	2m 18s
Other organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers	1	2m 34s	
Total	83	3h 12m 56s	

Points of order	Number	Time	Average
Member States	31	20m 53s	40s
Observers	1	2m	
Total	32	22m 53s	

Thirty-seven dignitaries addressed the Commission on Human Rights during its fifty-fifth session. Fifteen minutes were given to dignitaries to speak. They spoke for a total of 7 hours, 55 minutes and 7 seconds.

At the 19th meeting, on 7 April 1999, the Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the Commission on Human Rights. His speech lasted 16 minutes and 30 seconds.

IV. DOCUMENTATION

A total of 485 documents (6,278 pages) were issued for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission. These documents are divided into the following categories:

Documents issued for the Commission	Number	Pages*
Pre-session (total)	264	3 923
- General distribution	124	2 962
- NGO 3/	113	549
- Confidential (1503) 4/	27	412
In-session (total)	220	1 873
- General distribution	36	261
- NGO 3/	12	63
- Limited distribution		
Draft resolution, decisions and amendments	115	593
Draft report	26	454
- Miscellaneous		
List of participants	4	397
Order of the day	27	105
Post-session (Report of the Commission)	1	482
Total	485	6 278

* English version

V. COSTS OF SERVICES

A. Translation

The cost of one page, edited, translated into the six official languages of the United Nations, reproduced and distributed, has been estimated at US$ 2,136.

B. Interpretation

One hour of interpretation: US$ 2,681
Total cost of interpretation: US$ 463,813

VI. VOTING

A. Time

A total of 21 hours and 41 minutes were spent on the voting which took place at 10 regular meetings and 3 additional meetings.

B. Results

Resolutions*

Adopted without a vote	58
Adopted by a roll-call vote	24
Total	82

Decisions

Adopted without a vote	12
Adopted by a roll-call vote	1
Total	13

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* A motion of no action was taken on one draft resolution; one draft resolution was rejected.

Notes

1/ Interventions made during the closed meetings and the voting process are not included.

2/ Seven per cent (40) were group statements.

3/ NGO documents are issued in English, French and Spanish only.

4/ Confidential documents are issued in English, French, Russian and Spanish only, except for the confidential report of the (then) Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the report of the "Working Group on Situations" and the confidential decisions adopted by the Commission, which are issued in all six official languages.